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In re the Application of: Khandros et al.

(inventor(s))

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Filed: April 20, 1999

For: TIP STRUCTURES

(title)

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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